



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 10-402

James Gangl
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320 W. 2nd St., Room 605
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Dear Mr. Gangl:

This letter grants your request, dated February 18, 2010, on behalf of the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services (the County) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees who are County employees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that the County will be holding a disaster preparedness drill on April 19, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You indicate that this exercise will test emergency communications, particularly amateur radio, in the event of a chemical spill in the St. Louis River. The drill will be held in Duluth, Minnesota.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following County employees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with these exercises: James Gangl, KC0WDR; Grant Forsyth, KC0WUP; Dave Glesener, AC0EP; Kathleen Pettit, KC0YVM; Mark Snyder, AC0LE; John Lindquist, KC0WCV; Gary Collyard, KC0WCY; Carol Saranpaa, KC0WCT; Mark Nelson, KC0WUN; Nancy Christensen, KC0YVI; Keith Granholm, KD0EGN; and Michelle MacDonald, KC0WCU.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the April 19 public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employer during the April 19, 2010 exercise, and immediately prior to the exercise for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, dated February 18, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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